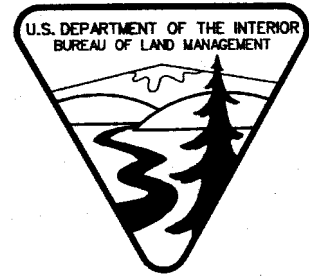




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## **St. Anthony Sand Dune Visitors**

### **Bureau of Land Management Rules and Regulations**

#### **Open Campfire Rules**

- \$ Open campfires are prohibited inside the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA) except in the designated Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area.
- \$ The burning of any foreign material other than wood in all campsites is prohibited throughout the St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to, pallets, treated lumber, furniture, tires, glass, aluminum, etc.

#### **Public Health, Safety, and Comfort Rules**

- \$ Use of personal watercraft or any other motorized vehicle or craft is prohibited on any body of water inside the WSA.
- \$ Quiet hours within the Egin Lakes Access Site and Red Road Recreation Area are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- \$ Fighting is prohibited. No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages, as defined by Idaho Code Title 23-105.
- \$ Offensive, derisive, or annoying communication that has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence is prohibited.
- \$ Metal fire pans are required in the temporary Egin Lakes Access Dispersed Camping Area.

#### **As a Reminder, the Following Rules Remain in Effect**

Idaho residents must display a valid Off Road Vehicle (ORV), All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) or Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) sticker on their vehicle (Idaho State Code 67-7122).

Out of state ATV, OHV, ORV and motorcycle users must have a valid registration sticker for the state in which they reside, if the state requires such a registration. You may be cited if you do not possess appropriate registration.

The speed limit on the Egin Lakes Access road is 15 MPH and 5 MPH within the camping, parking and access areas.

Portions of the Sand Mountain WSA are affected by a seasonal closure for all forms of human entry from January 1 through March 31 and/or January 1 through April 30 of each year.

All ORVs shall be equipped with a 6-foot (minimum) whip mast and a 6x12 inch **red** or **orange** flag.

Within the WSA boundaries, possession of or use of any glass container or cup, empty or not, used for carrying any liquid for drinking purposes is prohibited.

No highway-licensed vehicles are allowed on the Sand Dunes.

**All ORV use must occur on the open sand areas or on roads and trails displaying a “Designated Route” sign.** ORV use is prohibited on roads and trails that do not display a “Designated Route” sign. Specifically, no designated routes exist in the vicinity of the Egin Lakes Access. Riders should follow the dunes access route to the open sand and **avoid all vegetated areas.**

# St. Anthony Sand Dunes

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### Egin Lakes Recreation Access

Take the **North Rexburg** exit off US Highway 20. If north bound, turn left; if south bound, turn right onto 1900 E. (Parker-Salem Highway and the Red Road). Travel 6.3 miles north to the second flashing light. Turn left and travel .85 miles to the split in the road. Travel right over the railroad tracks and continue on 500 N. for 2.9 miles. At the Egin Lakes Access sign turn right onto the gravel road.

### Facilities

Facilities are presently limited to a gravel access road, a large day use vehicle/trailer parking area, an unloading ramp and restrooms. There is no formal camp area at this time. Construction for expanded day use parking and a developed campsite area was started last fall. We hope to have a temporary dispersed camping area by July 1, 2003. Reservations are not accepted for the dispersed camping area; it is first come, first serve. Because the dispersed camping area capacity is exceeded on most weekends, it is recommended that you make reservations at a private campground or motel. For information on camping and lodging alternatives, refer to the "Local Business and Tourism Information" section.

### Area Description

Egin Lakes access is located midway along a 15 mile stretch of sand dunes totaling 10,000 acres. To the east are small rolling hills suitable for beginning ATV riders or youngsters. To the west are challenging hills - mountains of sand up to 600 feet high. Surrounding the dunes is another 10,000 acres of juniper and sagebrush. Together, the two land types comprise the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA).

### WSAs -- What Are They?

WSAs are tracts of land that meet criteria set forth by Congress for potential inclusion in the Wilderness Preservation System. These lands are managed to protect natural values until such time as Congress designates them wilderness or releases them for further study.

### How Does This Affect ORV Recreation?

The BLM is required by law to maintain the natural values of the area. This is the focus of management and

the basis for rules and regulations. Within these guidelines, there is room for a variety of responsible activities to occur. Thousands of ORV users, horseback riders, and others enjoy the freedom of the sand dunes each year.

### Rules and Regulations

**Stay on the open sand!** As managers and stewards of a WSA, the BLM must maintain the natural landscape surrounding the dunes. Further, this area provides critical range for 1,500 deer and 2,500 elk, and habitat for sharptail and sage grouse. Recreation use leading to destruction of vegetation or other natural features could force closure of this area. Thus, there is one overriding regulation: **STAY ON THE OPEN SAND!** You will see old routes and new routes, routes around the lake and routes through the sagebrush. Please avoid these routes. Unless a route is specifically signed **open** with a **"Designated Route" sign** (of which there are none at the St. Anthony Sand Dunes), it is closed. Remember, the natural sources of an area provide the basis of your experience. Do your part to protect and keep them clean. Your cooperation is appreciated. In 1991, a parking area was developed as part of the Egin Lakes Access. Only ATVs, motorcycles, ORVs, and dune rails may proceed onto the sand dunes. RV camping is not permitted beyond the parking area. Tent camping is permitted, but only when access is gained by foot or by use of the above listed vehicles. No campfires are permitted on the dunes here. For other regulations pertaining to BLM lands refer to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 432, Part 8340 - Off-Road Vehicles.

### Local Business & Tourist Information

Eastern Idaho Visitor Center	208-523-1012 866-365-6943
Rexburg Chamber of Commerce	208-356-5700
St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce	208-624-4870
Sand Hills Resort	208-624-4127
Desert Oasis	208-624-3275
Fremont County Sheriff	208-624-4484

### Further Information

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